

June 11,

Dimitrios Saines left after one week on the job. A multitude of superficial reasons but basically because he could not see himself doing the nitty gritty of C.O. No anger still wants to work with us.

John Calergoropoulos who had several times expressed a desire to do this work has been hired on a 2 mos. trial basis. Main concern is his ability to relate people's concerns to basic causes. However, as the experience of the C.Y.C. has shown there is only one way to find out if a person can make it as an organizer or not.

Spoke to Jim Keith yesterday re Fri's. Star article. Understood, positive, pity his leaving.

Ria's letter to Orlene not strictly accurate, I did speak to her briefly, however, my letter to the editor should clear that up. Copies to Ria, Keith and Stanley.

Must get Craig to write positive letter re Peace Corps visit.

Mrs Greenbaum phoned Fred planning to attack U.S. at over involvement with Concordia - ridiculous. She also warned me not to trust Bob as he is in cahoots w/ Fred.



and will stab me in the back.  
(I'm aware of this, but see some positive developments in Bob.) I must make a point of calling fairly regularly.

June 16.

Seems now that Dimitrios' leaving was basically the result of misunderstanding. Afraid that he would have to deal with Tony. altho we had attempted to convey that this was not necessary. Wants to work part time and would consider full time as of Sept. We have funds but will wait to see what sort of person we need.

Barbara & John making some useful contacts church, business but must keep their focus on the "street".

My major concern at this time concerns the Y. I feel there is an attempt to neutralize my power & influence I must maintain this in order to be ready for next crisis.

Meeting agenda:

- ① Where are you (staff) at now?
- ② Project objective develop a Greek community structure. Issues important in themselves but also vehicles towards awareness and involvement nec. to attain objective.



3. Goals for two month period.
4. Statistics.
5. Filing system must be estbl. now.

Tues June 17.

Excellent staff meeting - much dialogue and discussion. John really catching on.

Discussion around objective. Questions re the process.

Two-month goals - worked thru. Agreed I should develop. However, in future staff must be more involved. Goals for two month period but estbl. every month.

Statistics - Barbara to keep for staff.

Filing - 3 systems

- a) Alphabetical contact file
- b) Contacts re categories.
- c) Referral material.

Discussion on plans for Greek classes, John to pick up responsibility. Has volunteer teachers. Need to advertise before end of week in schools. Agreed not to advertise in church too much of a liability. \$8 for 2 months 4.00 - 6.00, 2 days a week. (T & Th). Any profit will be used to buy a Greek typewriter.

Discussion re Dimitrios. - feel he has something to offer but will wait to see where and when we can best use him.

Discussed media - caution as to political affiliations.



Short meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am.  
Telephone coverage John M. W. Fri.  
Barbara TaTh.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>.

Really pleased with the way things are developing. Filing etc moving along. Both Barb. & John making numerous contacts.

Distributed flyers for Greek classes in schools. Positive acceptance from Elmo (a Graig of course) did not approach Bancroft. Elmo very apologetically asked Barb to find someone to tutor a child who he does not want to fail.

Sue Smith (Parole, Soc. Welfare Court) called re some problems with Greek girls. Barb to follow-up.

John contacting embassy, church re text books.

Phone referral now in operation little use as yet.



Concerned about John's understanding of all that is involved - must work on this with him. Also must clarify meaning of "probation period".

June 23.

Fred Reed (Marxists. C.L.P.) produced a 17 page document attacking P.S. B.G.M. Hall & the Y. A teacher sent copy to Star Sue Purcell picking up story.

I emphasized to her the basic diff's. in our approach and that of the Marxists. She informed me that Hall is perplexed as he realizes we cannot be communist if the C.L.P. is branding us as a tool of the capitalists.

While this publicity make things rather uncomfortable it does serve to clarify our image somewhat with such persons as the P.S.B.G.M. & Mr. Hall.



June 25.

Meet with C.Os. from Park Ex.  
& U.S. Waste of time as it dev. into  
a discussion of radical philosophy. It  
appears that as far as working in  
the community is concerned we  
are far ahead of the others.  
Our internal org. etc. is far superior  
as is our philos. of working community  
identified concerns.

Met with Ross B. re CLP  
document. Filled him in on the details  
so that he could deal with it an  
exec. meeting at noon. Strong  
support and ~~expression~~ of faith  
in me.

After exec. committee met  
with Ria he was suprisingly loose  
about the whole affair, in fact saw  
it as positive. Really supportive.

Meet w. Sally re Day Care  
expect word from 2 foundations  
this week.



June 27.

Meet w. kids working on alley  
prog. Informed them of the project and  
how we would like to work cooperatively.

June 30.

Concern over Bob's plans to  
move into C.D. from alley prog.  
Informed him of conditions outlined by  
M.H.W. re project a community. Replied  
that it was in Sgr. plan (not so) so that  
I should have known.

This must be clarified  
on Glenn's return. In meantime  
M.E.W.P. must make its presence felt  
in Alley prog.

MEW. Staff meeting.

- 1) Statistics - dummy run. Now to be kept weekly
- 2) Files - Barb. developing color cross/  
filing. Business & Prof. contacts as well.
- 3) Greek Classes - approx 12 reg.

John expects many more. Books from  
church & consulate. T.S. ready, classes



start Thurs.

④ Alley Prag. - laid position re Bob on table. Decided to make daily contact w. alley monitors and to immediately work on a group of parents from Ed. VII to open up playground for summer.

⑤ Grassroots. - in conjunction with  
④ stressed fact that up till now main area of work has been setting up our systems. Emphasized with John that he has shown he can do prof contacts and now must demonstrate ability in street. Alley prag. Ed VII and a contact he has with Guy Drummond excellent opportunities.

⑥ Picnic. - decided an excellent idea in itself and as a means to achieving our objectives.  
John to dev. students to work on it for July 20  
Barb to find sound system  
Kerry to check re. O'toreke.

⑦ Necessity for Greek staff to be aware of how their time is used when in V. bldg. Youth Adult depts tend to dominate their time. This must be kept in



perspective.

- ⑧ Ed VII see ④
- ⑨ Devonshire - Barb to check with Sue etc re position of playground.
- ⑩ Letter to Consulate re typewriter. John read letter after discussion gp. decided not to ask Govt for typewriter but only to import it in their name to save 40% import.
- ⑪ All agreed Dimitrios to be kept involved. Decided he should be invited to Picnic. Barb to meet w. him - mention we still want him on staff.
- ⑫ Greek Dancing Troupe - showing an interest in practising and using Y as headquarters. John to speak to troupe. Kerry to check w. Alan re use of bldg and as a legit prog.



This thing w. Bob could become  
very tense. Our objective is to work  
with parents on school issue including  
after school prog. - at this point  
his dept. should be involved. I must  
have this field cleared when we  
have a total Prof. staff meeting.  
If we are to be successful we  
cannot afford to others in the Y. short-  
circuiting the process.

June 17.



July 4.

John seems to have got the message Mon. he has been making several contacts around Ed VII via alby prog. An excellent easy 100% success project is to bring group of parents together to petition school to open V playground. (Altho. would not be using parents?)

Barbara, spent yesterday at court re Navy case - worthwhile experience. Concern that she is not getting right down to it - eg Files should be completed by now.

Telephone service not as fast as hoped - need to make more aware of the service. The Paris, ~~at~~ Hellenic Bazaar, etc.

Feeling rather impatient to see things moving. But must realize that staff still feeling way, however must get action soon.

Worked all day on submission to N.H.W. will consult w. Dick M.C.D. Mon.

Greek classes started yesterday 28 registrants, volunteer teachers, excellent contacts, \$200 (typewriter).



\* I must work on Day Care next Tues.

Spoke to Rix re three years budget commitment. He saw no problems to

<sup>3</sup>20,000 next year, 15 years after from Y.

Also cleared admin. structural line from me to Ross B. to Exec Committee.

Will confer w. Ron Whittingham re accounting procedures.

Will meet w. staff tomorrow if

poss. re: 1) Ed VII

2) Telephoning in.



July 5.

Meeting at Barbara's 8pm.

Dimitrios present. He spent much time emphasizing to John that the real work can only be done by working with the men in the streets. John responded well & it was good to see Dimitrios has been thinking about M.E.W. since he left. I emphasized that when \$ are available we want him to work with us. He seemed rather vague but that's how he responds.

Barb. admitted that her grassroots work has been limited up till now but felt there was sufficient work at the office which should be set up. Moreover she will make efforts to visit Alley Prag. this week.

Once again I had to caution re caseloads imposed by Social Welfare Court. It was agreed that we should bring Court, F.S.A. & SC. together to look at ways of solving the problem.

John has done some excellent work around LDVII and is working with a group to approach Board re opening prog. He is also getting some feedback re inadequate teaching of English.

Over next week B & J will



concentrate on Ed vii hoping to bring  
group together next weekend.

Emphasis placed on necessity for  
record-keeping etc especially in light  
of possible N.H.W. grant.



July 10.

I have spent most of week developing submission to H.W.

John seems to be really working at street level - visits alley several times a day. His records show an increased understanding of what he is trying to do. Meeting of Ed VII group planned for early next week.

Barbara has made efforts to get out into streets and is making good contacts. However, nothing really developed as yet. Must keep on her about record-keeping particularly the starts.

Mon. spent p.m. with Dick MacDonald re consultants role in Project in light of govt. submission.

Tues. spoke to Director of Social Welfare Court Prot. Division. He is very keen to meet with M.E.W. FSA & CSC. in August.

Today Sally found to say we have \$12,000 from Pentfield-Giebler Foundation, N.Y. for Day Care. B & I visited Fairmount-St Giles and I'm to make presentation re use of their facilities tonight before Property Committee.

Yesterday I cleared w. Ron Whittingham re. the accounting procedures and pro-rating staff benefits. Latter difficult will go for 10% of salaries as advised by Dick.



July 11.

Last night meet w. Property committee of F.-St.G. re use of facilities for Day Care. A positive acceptance feel that they should be involved farther than simply leasing facilities. We will have to be careful over this — involvement at volunteer level in program. — Fine, anything more could rob prog. of its essential aspect. It will now have to go to Inter-church council.

This morning spoke to Rev. Brown F.-St.G. re proposal. He feels that it went to wrong committee but will set up meeting as soon as poss. with appropriate group, Inter church.

Emphasized that they had wanted to run a program like this themselves but had been very slow moving. I explained how this was need expressed by people not an idea of ours and that we have a group with expectations for Sept.

Rev. Brown agreed to get meeting as soon as poss. also emphasized that they would like involvement beyond merely being lessors.



July 14

## Staff meeting:

### ① Revision of Bimonthly Goals.

- a) Day Care - in process
- b) Summer Greek - 30+ chn.
  - John visiting parents
  - many other contacts resulted.
  - parents want classes contd. in the fall
- c) Alley Prog. - some good contacts but not as many as expected
  - depends a great deal on monitors
  - worthwhile continuing.
- d) Telephone referral - not as busy as hoped
  - most use at times of issues
  - reduce to Tues & Thurs. until late Aug. ~~cont~~ when greater adust.
- e) Greek leadership - contacts being made informally
  - emphasis will come in fall
- f) Communications - politically advisable to use all available media
  - research for progs. being collected.

Discussed expressed concern over 'Greek Community' by local residents. Many state they are prepared to fight it.

This is a large issue we must consolidate within community first.



A united and strong front will be necessary. Unlikely to be ready to confront until next year. In meantime we will attempt to have chief Priest understand the community so that when clash comes he at least will be neutralized.

Stressed to John that we don't do it but will assist the residents help selves. Importance of community participation.

Ed VII meeting tonight 7-15 persons expected. Shock at poss. of having P.S.B.G.M. open yard and at school problems they have identified John & Barb. will work it.

Stressed to John importance of having parents write letter. Anything that requires their participation is of value.

Barb reported on meeting last week with Mtl. Tenants Assoc. She will work with Greeks, a French girl from COMBAT will work with others. All will coordinate their activities.

I pointed out to John that in the near future he will probably find volunteer @ P Ex clashing with his work here and there is no doubt to me which takes preminence.



Statistics - will be done prior to each staff meeting.

- monthly reports (feelings) will be submitted @ end of ea. month.

Submission - quick run down of where it is at now.

Picnic - John will get small group to look at site possibilities & dates Aug 3 or 10.

Barbara asked for help in finding a babysitter for July & Aug.

I meet with Sally Campbell re day care Pass. \$10,000 for 2 years. Need to collect equipment. Discussed potential extent of church involvement, exchanged correspondence.

Dick M.C.D. phoned - he is working on research designs.



July 15.

Long session with John ne. last night's meeting (Barb joined later part.) 12 was a good turn-out he did a good job there. Questioned as to what he got from meeting. What were his objectives? Re-emphasized that we do not write letters etc. Need to zero in, communicate his anger that Greeks are getting a raw deal come on positively.

John very defensive, attacked Barb. & Dimitrios, made several contradictory statements. Several times I had to spell out why we need to conduct post meeting analyses — to help, to improve skills, criticism must be positive.

Barb. showed tendency to become very excited when John rejected her criticisms. Spoke to her about this and explained that at times one must pull back and try another attack if the aim is to get a point across.

At session with Barb I pointed out necessity for her to devote more time to street work.



She agreed she's been slow getting into it, but I must keep at her to start producing. Presently w. Grand mother in hospital it is difficult.

Barb and I met with Father Sadras G.O. St Georges. Discussed M.E. Greeky no opposition in fact showed considerable understanding. Explained Project and the emphasis on encouraging participation — seemed to comprehend. Agreed to help us in any way poss. and saw that it could have a drastic influence on the church, this seemed to excite him.



July 17.

Session with John, I attempted to have him look at the image he has of himself. Stressed that he must overcome defensive attitude to criticism from staff and questioning from people. Discussed the meaning of friendship, how it is built on trust & truthfulness. and w/out it there can be no real friendship.

Attempted to have him admit job is difficult and to look at it analytically. Some progress was made. However, I will have to work on it a lot more over the next month.

Called Starkey (District Officer, P.S.B.G.M.) & will meet with him next Tues. I will discuss, C.L.P. Hall & Perrie, plus what is developing in particular meeting of community leaders to look at problems of Greeks in local schools. Ask for reading & any other scores, sizes of classes, no. of special lang. teachers and how many hours per child they give.



July 18.

Barb & I meet w. Dimitrios  
re coming back on staff. He showed  
real concern about working with John.  
I explained condition of John's employment  
& pointed out he had made progress  
but would have to continue to do so over  
next month if he was to stay on.

I pointed out that D could be  
a real asset for us & we could  
provide him with new opportunities.  
He will work part time until funds  
are available.



July 21.

Bob's remarks to press could spell renewal of tension between M.E.W.P. and P.S.B.G.M. Also approached him re statements of wanting to do things for community - contrary to our philosophy, cannot have one part of it fighting another. Bob claimed he was misquoted.

However, article created considerable interest in the community and growing support for pressure for playground facilities.

### Staff meeting.

1) Barb reported that files now up to date and from now on she will take  $\frac{1}{2}$  day to keep up to date.

Stats also up to date

2) I emphasized need for reports of meetings.

3) Discussed re-hiring of Diambros on part-time basis.

4) Discussed growing interest in lack of recreational facilities. Barb will work on this (trilingual) and hope to have group meeting next week or weekend.



John will assist where pass.

5) John informed on progress of picnic. I had to challenge him on effort he made to get best price for bus. & informed him it was for families not just 20-30 year olds.

After meeting Barb phoned and got a series of quotes for busses. It seems John is still hung-up on purpose of work.

6) Barb. will begin immediately on recreation issue

Dimitrios will work on schools (D & B) & Greek Assocs.

John picnic, help Barb.

Int. Staff meeting.

Clash w. Bob over jurisdiction in community. Staff generally fail to understand our objectives and plan of work. I must fight to preserve our right to work in our way in the community.

Refuse to discuss position of Project staff w. Int. staff. Particularly when other ass depts. are closed shops & also bec. I cannot regard these sessions as confidential.



July 22.

Intense and frank session w. Malcolm Stanley. Discussed developments over the past year. I admitted that I had press. made a mistake in hiring Fred but that if Hall had cooperated to any extent the situation would not have deteriorated to the extent it has. We both agreed that had Hall been genuine and attempted to work with the Parents' committee all would have been far more positive. Stanley felt that his long & frequent absences over the past year had allowed Hall to treat the parents as he had.

Stanley confided that he had made the statements to the press regarding Hall and that he had submitted Hall's name for transfer. Unfortunately he had been unable to attend the P.S. B.G.M. meeting where decisions were made and the subject did not arise. He stated & conveyed that his objective is to have Hall transferred no later than June 1970 and that he will take advantage of any development that will strengthen his case.



## Points discussed:

He supports nec. for cafeteria facilities.  
He will recognize & meet with an overall Parents Assoc.

He agrees the teaching of language is far from adequate.

He cannot see why teachers do not have ample supplies. (Principals have an adequate budget)

He recognizes that Parents will & can criticize while also coop. where poss.

He agreed to send statistics for the total sched system.

He wants to explore the poss. of a summer language camp.

He has an increased travel budget for this year.

He supports V idea of joint sharing of community information.

He wants MEWP to do Greek translations to P.S.B.G.M.

He will arrange for Day Care to do their purchasing thru P.S.B.G.M.

He & Kindergarten consultant will be available to V. Centre.

A worthwhile meeting. Building trust & understanding.



July 24.

Meeting w. Ross B. some concern over salaries. I pointed out it is a competitive market & I am being highly selective.

He expressed amazement at the number of things that are developing.

Barb. concerned over Bob's attempt to move in. She must be adamant about this.



July 28.

Staff meeting.

- 1) Filing system now operant
  - Barb will attempt to keep Thurs pm. for files.
  - arrangements to be made w. Dimitrios re. info.
  - John keeping log up to date.

Explained nec. for brief report of all meetings

2) Genk Info.

a) Kerry & Heinemann at Mackie Aug 19.

2) - Day Care proceeding as if phys. facilities available. Definite word this week.

- K & B to meet w. Sally Fri. noon.

b) John 1) - Picnic proceeding to plan

- Cost 2.50 x 50<sup>d</sup>

- Barb to finalize buses

2) - Visiting all parents of chn. in Greek classes

- some positive responses



Messinas picnic  
spoke to Pres.  
discuss this  
w. Dimitrios.

3) Ed. VIII working from issue  
of recreation to specific school  
issues

- some interested persons  
emerging.

4) Rec. - reply to petition from  
P.S.B.G.M.

- some delay re fixing fence  
- if not in by Wed. will follow  
up.

Barb - small group to meet over  
recreation & parks next Tues.

- much interest; schools,  
clothing exchange, housing.

Dimitrios (from Barb)

- contacted man Bancroft  
parents so really interested.

- also working with

Devonshire

General discussion around Fri's  
training session. Particularly  
political base & implications of  
working with ethnic community rather  
than physical.



July 30

Long session with John. Attempted to high evaluate his work over past 6 weeks in terms of what he understands about the project. He was unable to do so and fell back to agreeing to all I said, no conceptual thought at all.

His basic insecurity make it very difficult to risk presenting his own thoughts and must handicap him greatly when working with others. He requested that I write out an interview form which he would use. I confronted him with the fact that this is an impossibility and points out that he does not understand what we are trying to do and by what process.



July 31.

Sally Barba and I met with  
reps from the 3 local churches  
re. day care. A positive meeting  
with much support. Explored ways  
in which churches could be involved  
beyond merely landbords. Sally will  
develop more concrete suggestions  
for meeting on 12<sup>th</sup>.

All 3 felt the project will be  
supported by the church and all  
seemed interested in further cooperation.



Aug. 1.

Meet w. Barb. a outlined developments leading to Day Care. Discussed for the coming citizen's recreation committee particularly in regards to overloading it with alley workers.

She has the nucleus of a good group Fr. & Eng. and plans to have them explore and research the pass.



Aug 4.

Meet w. Barb, Dinitia & John. Dinitia working for meeting of nucleus of P.O. by Aug 16. Developing some excellent contacts at Bancroft a B.B.H.S. He meet Jean Kollos and says he has much potential.

D. reported that many more people are becoming aware of our existence, w. Conect classes being a leading factor. We are now dev. an image & some trust which we must nurture & protect. D. indicated that he is realizing he cannot do all he plans from a part time position.

All discussed P.O. ~~at~~ and agreed that this should be the nucleus for all future citizen dev. This & Day Care are the two key programmes right now.

John exhibited much defensiveness and a desire to attack all present. He was confronted w. the fact that he is becoming a vehicle for gossip and it was pointed out how damaging this can be. He rejected it and denied an obvious truth. Both D & B became extremely frustrated.



Aug 6.

Meet w. Sally to discuss part of church women in Day Care, Staff candidates agency meeting and flow chart leading to opening 1st week of Oct.

Meet w. Sue White (U.S.) to discuss Eng. parents at Devonshire. We will pick up this responsibility probably w. a second year student from School of Social Work. Shared all recent developments.



Aug. 8.

Meet w. Dick M.D re research designs.

~~Aug 8.~~

Meet w. John a B. re Sunday's picnic. Concern shared about the sight, the lack of organization re funds, facilities etc. John admitted be left publicizing to very late.



Aug 10.

Successful picnic despite  
John.

Approx. 250-300 persons.

W/out efforts of Wally, Mike, Connie  
(volunteers) & B & myself it would have  
been disastrous. John was very  
up tight and demonstrated his incapability  
to the full.

A wide range of ages. Good  
group of young adults for further  
work. Generally a worthwhile day  
in that it helped identify us &  
build some trust.



Aug. 11.

## Staff meeting.

The afternoon spent trying to have John see why despite all the hard work he put into the picnic it failed from a C.O. point of view. John was very defensive and visibly upset. Finally admitted that he had doubts as to whether or not he could do the job. We agreed to look into it further next week.

Darb.'s recreation meeting was attended only by those parents whom she had contacted. Those from other prog were conspicuous by their absence. They agreed to explore poss. of mini park sites and to spread the word. B. will keep in personal contact.



Aug 12.

Meeting with gp from Fairmount  
- St Giles re day care.

Debate as to who would be  
attending "ethnics or anglosaxons"  
I took a hard line pointing out that  
the church could not dictate to us re  
the program & that we did not  
distinguish one group of humans  
from another.

Toured the premises - some minor  
obstacles but generally OK.

Discussed rent - \$1200 & necessity  
for lease.

Generally initial reluctance was  
overcome and meeting ended on a  
positive note.



Aug. 13.

Meet with casework agencies but generally poor attendance due in the main to this being a major vacation period.

All present agreed on the necessity for a future meeting.

The problem was seen as being twofold. a) To provide ethnic officers at the soc. welfare court.

b) To train and employ local workers for crisis intervention to supplement work of prof. caseworkers.

It was agreed that within the next month we should develop some research on the matter and present it at the next meeting. Invitations should be extended to U.S. Park Ex, F.S.A., C.S.C., S.P.C.A., P.S.B.G.M.



Aug. 17.

Meeting with Chris, Barb & Reintra  
Chris, former pres. of McGill Hellenic  
- political orientation  
- concerned  
- knowledgeable  
- wants to work part time.

Generally discussed project and  
identified parents assoc. as the  
key to development. Agreed best  
approach to form overall assoc.  
and then to develop locals.

D. showed hesitation as to whether  
or not he wanted to work full  
time.

(C & D) appeared to get along  
well although minor disagreement  
as to post own political views should  
be intro. C felt that if asked he  
would be open but keep focus on  
local scene. D. felt views should  
never be presented.



Aug 18

## Staff Meeting.

Long session with John  
some reluctance in accepting the  
idea that he has problems with C.D.  
However, after attack on D. he accepted  
it in good faith and did not appear to  
be antagonized. As long as he is  
available he is willing to continue  
as a volunteer.



Aug 19.

A.M.

Met with Larry Kleinman  
H. H. & W. - Barb, Dimitris, Chris L.

Discussed local situation  
and from it arose v. fact that MEWP  
is quite unique in that it really is starting  
from the grassroots. No citizens org.  
presently exists. Larry stated that  
we should emphasize this.

I am to explore legality of signing  
offices. Also the poss. of citizens  
taking over when appropriate received  
Larry's support.

Went thru submission point  
by point - I will re develop final  
copy and get to Larry before end  
of month.

S.G.W. V. research designs should  
be submitted separately. Larry not  
concerned with hard data, but if  
poss. great. Encouraged me to dev.  
as complete information gathering  
system as poss.



In final submission should emphasize French element as much as poss.

Fed. G. must consult with Box over project - no difficulty anticipated.

Grant will be from Oct 1, 1969

Larry stated he supports the submission and as far as he is concerned we will be funded.

Copy of final submission in French.

P.M. Meeting Chris, B & K.

Discussed project and its relationship to community. As most activists are involved in Greek pol. org. we must attempt to solicit their support as indiv.



Wed. Aug 20.

## Branch staff meeting

Staff particularly Bob & Bill upright  
re concentration on Greek pop. Generally  
very little support for MEWP now  
that it would appear to be about  
to have a full head of steam.

Glenn cannot understand why  
my major concern and loyalty is  
the Project - community. Disturbed  
by fact that I see myself as reporting  
to Russ B. He admitted that perhaps  
this is the best method for the Project.

The general tone, particularly  
the attitude of Bob makes for a very  
tense situation. Bob's deeprooted hatred?  
is reflected in his attitude to the  
Proj staff. In the past he has shown  
that he cannot be trusted and with  
his attitude the whole mess is  
particularly unhealthy.



Thurs Aug 21.

Meet w. reps. of U.S. & Park Ex & FSA  
re. day cares.

Worthwhile sharing and raising  
of various points.

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Fri. Aug 22.

A.M.

Casual meeting w. Ross B.  
w/out any prompting he suggested  
that poss. it would be better if  
V. Project was part of Metro.  
We will meet Tues to discuss this  
further.

P.M.

Bamb. a 9 meet w. Dr. Bienenakis.

At first very guarded he latter  
indicated that he fully supported  
the Project and would like to be  
involved. Offered to volunteer  
sometime.

Felt that we would have to watch  
how we became involved with the  
Greek political orgs. as it seen  
as being one or the other this  
would drastically reduce our  
effectiveness.



Mon. Aug. 25.

Meeting w. Barb, Dimitra K.

Special Parents meeting planned for Sept. 6. By invitation. Objective to form committee to plan for a major meeting later in the month. D will carry the major responsibility. K. to contact Panayotopoulos.

B. to ~~act~~ circulate data re Day Care and to call meeting for Sept 10. General info. sharing and formation of Association Exec.

(temporary)

Concern in community re dubious stocks that are being sold, possibly a repeat of a previous fiasco. B to check w. Better Bus. Bureau, Ed Smith. and communicate w. D.

Meeting Sept 1 at 6:00 w. Chris, D, B & K.

A.M. Contacted Malcom Stanley  
- statistics & letter of our discussion earlier in month in mail.  
- I will visit him next week.  
- generally most supportive



My concern at this point is that we are losing some of our momentum. However, staff assure me it will pick up in Sept. to the point where we will have to much to handle. ID position part or full time must be clarified as soon as final approval from Ottawa is obtained and Proj fully established.

Meet w. Glenn re Proj a Int/Metro. More support than before but fails to understand hangup with youth dept.

We felt that if group supervision is lost little will be gained, perhaps we would lose it under Metro. I will feel things out with Ross B.  
Wed.



Monday Sept 1.

Meeting w. D. Chris + Barb.

Discussed pros & cons of affiliation with existing Greek political organizations. Voiced by D, supported by others, that eventually we will be tagged as left wing but we should endeavour to hold this back for as long as we can. Once we have demonstrated that we can assist people be effective they will less inclined to be concerned about our political label. Agreed that we would not make any formal approach to Greek political institutions. Agreed to that in dealing with the press we should attempt to keep a balance between right & left.

Discussed forthcoming parents meeting. D's objective - the estbl. of a temporary committee to plan for a public meeting. Expects 20-30 persons. Some input of data. Henry will get from Mr. Stanley.

Day care - facilities causing hang up, problem with the City of Detroit.



but interested persons meeting called  
for Wed. week. Staff - many applications  
financing - approx \$28,000. Bought  
300 worth of equipment.

Medical Coop. - Chris to contact Dr  
Trounbas, generally discuss and perhaps  
set up a meeting later in the week.

Greek Classes - response indicates  
Sat a.m. is most suitable. Course to  
begin Sept. 13. 4 a month, 60-70 kids.



Tues. Sept 2.

Greek community rather tense as many may have been taken in a case of fraud, involving Greek bus. one of whom has apparently flown to Brazil with a large amount of money.

Mitch is to sell unlisted shares in Hellenic Poultry & Fish Market, those who have tried to get their money back have been refused.

We will attempt to get a photostat copy and have it investigated.

Interviewed job applicant for Fr./Eng job - right attitudes, no experience not French but bilingual



Sept. 3.

Staff really high and excited.  
Atmosphere of being on the brink  
of a major breakthrough. Team  
feeling becoming easily identifiable  
we are all really turning on.

Awareness of project increasing  
throughout the community. Now discussed  
in stores etc.



Sept. 4.

Spoke to Mr. Stanley re  
P. S. B. C. M. letting us use School for  
Day Care. I still ~~not~~ no word  
from Pennie. I informed Mahon  
that while his letter was generally a  
fair summation I was replying to  
clarify some key points.



Sept. 5.

10 am. With Glenn & Thompson, ~~Goodman~~, & Campbell discussed role of agencies in day care centre. No major problems, check legalities - certainly moved this group a long way since last Jan.

p.m. With Chris & Barb visited Daperis, C.H.C.R. - only interest in bus. transactions. Offered us time at \$100 an hour and bought my idea that we find our own sponsors.

Visited Colivas (Melanie Postman) some explanation required re. Fred affair and M.F.W. involvement in community. They support concept and stated that we must endeavour to keep clear of Greek politics if we are to be successful.

Visited Greek Canadian Tribune. positive reaction, real support. Once again editor warned that if we are to be successful we must avoid political labelling for as long as possible. He presently is writing a series of articles on the film "The 80 Goes to Sparta".

Met with Dr George Tsoukas re possibility of medical coop. A young doctor, idealistic in respect to medical services, some insights into the Greek population. His concept for a medical centre were great but somewhat beyond what we feel is possible. Chris. will develop a questionnaire to get a sample reaction to concept. Geo. and I will visit the Pt. St. Chas.



clinic at the Youth Clinic. George in  
collaboration with us will then develop  
a design.



Sept. 6.

One week blitz of the project on C.H.C.R. began this week. With the growing interest in Day Care & Greek Classes we are beginning to gain an identity in the community.

7:30 pm. Initial meeting of Parents Assoc. ~~Some~~ 12 persons attended. I was questioned in respect to what objectives M.E.W. had for the assoc. We explained that we believed they should develop their own, I also expanded on our role.

Discussion around structure of the Board & how it affects the local schools. All agreed Greek parents had responsibility to ensure improved education.

A temporary committee was elected with Mr Panagiotopoulos as president. Their objective to call a mass meeting Sept. 27.

A most positive and encouraging beginning with the potential of developing into a strong nucleus of a community organization. General dissatisfaction with the "official Greek community" staff, & particularly Dimitrios, were really high at the end.



Sept. 8.

Malcom Stanley phoned to report on his discussion with Mr. St. Pierre & Day Care. While Pierre apparently supports the idea of cooperation he cannot see the Board making purchasing available or financial subsidy. However, feels I should write to Tapp re use of facilities.

I asked Stanley if he could give us lists of parents, he indicated that this was regarded as privileged information but that individual principals might cooperate. He could see no problem if we visited the classrooms with literature re parents association.

Glenn rather uptight re radio program insisted I clear it w. Bannerman. Bannerman not concerned with program content but fact that we would be approaching firms that have already donated. I emphasized the fact that we were not asking for donations but were negotiating bus. deals. We had a popular program a prime time to sell. Finally approved. Letters mailed.

Further discussion w. Glenn re Greek rep. on board. I refused to play along w. a figurehead. Stressed fact that at this time there is no one person involved with all aspects of the project. Glenn really reluctant to confront Hoeck over necessity for viewing MEW's relationship as different from that of a dept.



7 p.m. Staff meeting.  
Barb, Chris, Dimitri, K.

- 1) Telephone coverage (6-9 p.m.)  
- as we have advertised this must now be covered.

- Mon - staff.
- Tues - John.
- Wed - Dimitri
- Thurs - Chris
- Fri - Barb.

Emphasized importance of keeping log.

- 2) Greek Classes.

Begin Sat. 10-1. \$3 a month.

- Barb. to check re teachers & books.
- K. to provide receipt books.
- need for supervision on 3rd floor.

- 3) Recreation Cmp.

- Barb to complete petition & get it circulated
- She does not see this as urgent as other matters.

- 4) Day Care.

Both Chris & D indicated that the brochure read that if you brought money on Wed. you could enroll - yet facilities have not been finalized.

- K. felt that this was unfortunate, 10 days ago it did seem o.k., however, we should not protect citizens from the frustrations & tribulations.

- B. felt this would make it more difficult but not impossible.



- objective to form a temporary  
parents committee

- B to confer w. Sally prior to meeting
- D. to attend.

### 5. Bi-monthly Objectives

- those for Sept 8 - Nov 8.  
were evaluated
- as a result of recent developments  
Med. coop a Radio should be bought up to  
date.

### 6. The recording instruments were explained

- Barb asked that Chris a D.M.  
keep a weekly record of all contacts  
she will then see they are filed.
- Barb to develop meeting  
report form.

### 7. Last. Sats. meeting.

- general excitement
- discussed alternative means  
of communicating Sept. 27 meeting  
Mr. Stanley had indicated he could not  
authorize the principals to release  
names.
- need for chart explaining  
local school system for Sat.
- Barb. must have minutes  
for Sat.



Tues. Sept 9

checked w. Bannerman re radio program, no resistance.

Chris, Barbara K. met w. Costas (pres. McGill Hellenic Club.) re job. Demonstrated understanding of our objectives and means of getting there (means to end.) Supports idea of objectives a staff team concept. Generally a positive interview.

He understood, we cannot give final word until hear from Ottawa. Will begin on a volunteer basis Mon. Sept 15. Major task will be formulation of radio program both content and negotiations with Daperis. Also assist Chris w. ~~the~~ developing medical services questionnaire.

Real panic in preparing French submission for Aug. But finally completed it at 5 a.m.



Wed. Sept 10.

Met w. <sup>Mr</sup> Melnyk (M.H. Council of Women)  
re speech of Oct 15. Could be a chance  
to make major comment on immigration partic.  
sponsored.

Involvements w. personal problems  
exhibiting degree to which we are  
gaining identity and trust in the  
community. Dealing w. such parent-  
school issues as Ch. being placed in  
Special class w/out parents permission.  
Ch. who on principals advice taking tutoring  
all summer is held back by new principal.  
A heating unit which the landlord refuses  
to repair and for which there is no  
M.H. dealer.

Ba D to be at Day Care  
meeting tonight.



Thurs. Sept 11.

Met w. Sandra Aride pres. of Devonshire Eng. parents gp. Explained our strategy and the rationale for it. Gained her support. Stressed fact Eng. parents gps. are an essential part of strategy.

Spoke to Peter K. re student he has one interested felt she would be even more so when told it included more than just Devonshire.

Informed that Daperis is stating that he is director of the program! Staff admit they were careless in writing announcement.

Letter heard from Dimitri. that one of the (left) newspapers had written that the project was started by students! He was quite upset. Underlines the delicate situation that exists politically.



Sat. ~~Sept~~ Sept 1, 13.

9 am. B & K. registered students for Greek classes (70.) Contact with many parents who appeared quite relaxed in V. office.

Spoke to women who had trouble w. Mr. Hall and the placement of her daughter in special class. We had helped stall the placement by informing women she had to give her permission and helping arrange a confirming & test.

4 Greek classes, teachers volunteers nucleus of a large program.

7.30 p.m. 2nd meeting of Parents Federation steering committee. Same turnout as week before. Discussed meeting, advertising and form federation should take.



Mon Sept 15.

Staff meeting Barb, Costas, Chris, Dimitriak.  
Focus on Sats. meeting.



Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sept 16 - 18.

Barb and I began working with Costas & Chris to fully acquaint them with the Project, its development, present and future.

From this discussion emerged a desire on the part of the staff to develop specific objectives & plans for each segment of the program. The next 3 days were spent developing these.

Unfortunately Dimitri could not be present at these meetings. He became rather defensive when he heard about them. The staff agreed that when the plans were completed D. should be given the opportunity to scrutinize and criticize before they are finalized.

The move on the part of the staff team to acknowledge the need for more structure and their eagerness to participate in the development of such is most gratifying and exciting.

Over the week many contacts were made. Staff are becoming involved in many problems in the community. The willingness of the local residents to ask for the aid of the Project indicates a growing



awareness and trust. Much support from the university Hellenic clubs and other notables in the overall Greek community. A great deal of the support comes from the left-leaning members, this is to be expected. However, this too threatens Dimitri.

Thurs. eve.

Costas and I met with Panayiotopoulos, interim chairman of Parents Fed. He gave indications that he was well prepared for the public meeting.

We discussed education in general and the Greek understanding of the purpose of ed. was again contrasted w. the Con. Mr. P. is a strong personality, with a willingness to fight for what he believes are his rights. His tendency to put down those who are less intelligent or active and his drive for personal power will need to be watched.



Fri. Sept 19.

Received letter from Mr Japp  
P.S.B.G.M. re use of Alfred Joyce  
School for day care. Distinct  
poss. suggest Stanley and I meet to  
determine what facilities we  
will require.



Mon. Sept. 22.